YSILANTI DEBATE.

On Saturday of this week a team of debaters of the first rank will accompany the Ypsilanti baseball team here, and will debate in the eighth annual debate with the M. A. C. team, on the subject of the County Board of Government for Michigan Cities. After a series of hard-fought preliminaries held during the winter term, J. C. De Camp, '10, W. R. Walker, '11, E. A. Close, '13, and R. W. Powell, '11, alternate, were chosen to represent M. A. C., and they will discuss the negative side of the question. These annual frays with the Normalites are always very interesting, and no little enthusiasm and spirit is shown. Ypsilanti usually brings a large delegation of roosters along. Four out of the seven past debates have gone to M. A. C., and much may be expected from the men this year, for they have exceptional ability and have been working hard.

The expenses of the visiting team are to be paid for by the Debating Club, and to meet this a small admission fee will be charged. The final debate will be held in the armory at 7:30 p.m., and everyone should turn out and support the team. The expenses cannot do any harm like athletic team, without loyal support and rooting, and we want them both to turn out and give your financial aid as well as your moral support to the men who have worked hard for the college.

THE MAY FESTIVAL.

The seventh annual May Festival has now been added to the list of successful programs recorded in the history of the college. Although our previous festivals have been decidedly superior, the one held on Friday afternoon and evening in the pavilion of the Agricultural Building, was doubtless a success in all respects, and the skill with which the different choral numbers were produced and the increased interest on the part of the audience indicated very plainly that the musical ability and appreciation of the institution have advanced, even since last year, in long strides.

At 2:30 the soloists of the evening gave a concert, as assisted by the M. A. C. chorus under the direction of Mr. Earl G. Killen. The concert was opened with Gounod's "Hymn, Ye Portals" by the Crystal Steeple Choruses, and "Le Remige" and "la Solitude," and the familiar "Danny Deever," by Damrosch. He received a burst of applause and responded to an encore. Mrs. Silky Sanniss McDonald was evidently the favorite of the afternoon.

Her rich mezzo soprano voice filled the auditorium with perfect ease, and she sang her two numbers, "Down in the Forest," and "Rose, Rosy Love is like a Red, Red Rose," her pleasant personality and the beauty and sympathy of her voice won her many admirers.

The production of the five acts of Faust in the evening, by the chorus, assisted by the soloists, was a fitting honor to the institution and to Mr. Killen, to whom the credit of training the voices is due. It would seem almost impossible that such a large number of unprofessional singers, most of them inexperienced, could be brought to such a degree of efficiency in so short a time, as was shown in some of the more difficult numbers, and Mr. Killen had every right to be justly proud of the results of his long and laborious labors. The college is indeed fortunate in being able to secure the services of so competent a director, and it is hoped that we will be able to retain him in the future.

Trips from Faust are charming under any circumstances, but the rendition Friday night, of both the solos and choruses, was very satisfying and greatly appreciated by the unusually enthusiastic audience. This is the first time an opera has been produced at the college music festival instead of an oratorio, and it was evident that the lighter, more popular music was better enjoyed by the general public.

Of the choral numbers, which were all excellent, one, perhaps, was worthy of especial mention—"The Old Man's Song." Among the others, two of the best were the "Bijou Song," by Margaretta, and the quartet "Lean on My Arm," by Margaretta, Martha, Faust, and Mephisto.

The parts were taken as follows: Margaretta, Sybil Sanniss McDermid; Siebel and Martha, Jessie Lynde Hopkins; Faust, John H. Miller; Mephistophiles, William A. Howland; Valentine, Mr. Samuel A. Howland; Wagner, Walter Red. The last two young men were from Lansing, and assisted very ably.

The accompanists were Miss Edna Heppon, of East Lansing, and Mrs. Minnie Davis Sherrill, of Ann Arbor. Mrs. Sherrill took part in the same capacity here last year.

IDLER PARTY.

One of the pleasantest parties of the year was given by the Idler Club at the Women's building last Friday evening. The members of the club served a buffet supper, after which everyone adjourned to the parlors and enjoyed a kaffee hour. Many had friends who attended the May Festival concert, and a number of Lansing people attended. The entertainment was something of an innovation, and proved very successful. Mr. Lynde Hopkins and Mr. Earl Killen were special guests on this occasion.

The student gardens are looking fine in spite of the various frosts.

ALUMNI.

ARTHUR C. BIRD, '87.

It is with sincere regret that the Ruxton announces the death on May 27th of Arthur Cranston Bird, one of the strongest, brightest, and most versatile of the alumni of Michigan Agricultural College.

Born in the town of Highland, Marquette county, May 22, 1864, and the son of a farmer, Mr. Bird grew up in the healthful atmosphere of that country life, which has given vigor and independence of thought and action to so many of our men of affairs. At the age of 16 he entered M. A. C. and graduated in 1883. For a number of years after graduation he was engaged in farming in his native county, during which period he became one of the founders and the first president of the State Association of Farmers' Clubs, and in this way was brought into closer touch with the political affairs of the state.

In 1897 Governor Pingree appointed Mr. Bird to membership on the State Board of Agricultural and Mechanics' College, and in 1899 he became its secretary and editor of the college, a position that he held until June, 1902, when he resigned to give his entire attention to business, for which he had a most marked genius.

Two years later, however, Governor Warner, friend of his boyhood days and ever after, appointed him his successor of the state census, a position for which his executive talent admirably fitted him; and the next year he became, by appointment of the governor, state dairy and food commissioner, which office he held at the time of his death.

It is given to few men to have a keener insight into business problems than Mr. Bird. His greater genius was in the field of his opportunities, for rapid advancement; and with unbounded faith in the possibilities of Lansing as a business center, he threw himself with all his vigor and untiring energy into the problem of her rebuilding, and, though struck from the very midst of his labors, he had already done much to vindicate his faith and laid the foundation of a fortune.

His clean habits of life and his firm will enabled him to resist the last degree of the insanity that proved fatal, and that took from his wife and two sons a most tender and devoted father and husband. All who knew him bear the heartfelt sympathy of this community goes out in unstinted measure in their hour of bereavement. Many there are who will miss the support of his strong arm and wise counsel in the midst of trouble and the scene of his labors and successes will mark the passing of a great captain.

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At the meeting of the Chicago Electric Club, held May 18, the speaker of the evening was Major George H. Ree, details of farm engineering projects of an engineering nature. His work relates largely to river and harbor improvement, and these subjects received a portion of his attention in a general talk which proved both interesting and instructive. Maj. Reeve was one a student at M. A. C. in '80-'81.

Harriet Robinson of the above class, goes to Fort Collins next year. She has been employed at Leidville for some time.

G. G. Robbins, mechanical, is assistant chief engineer for the Whiting Foundry, Equipment Company, of New York. His work includes salesmanship, as well as the design of cranes and foundry plates. Mr. Robbins arrived on college faculty yesterday.

Henry M. Conolly writes that he is enjoying his work at Woodbine, N. J. He has eleven boys to work with him from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for three weeks, and then another squad is assigned to him. With these boys he does all the work around the grounds, in the greenhouse, in the orchard and the flower gardens. They are taught to plow, harrow, cultivate, hoe and look after the various details of farm work. They cultivate, hoe and look after the various details of farm work. He finds the Jewish boys willing workers and great students.

G. A. Bignell is located at Priest River, Idaho, Benton River Station. He is district ranger of No. 1, the most important districts in that section. Mr. Bignell writes interestingly of his work in logging and in other items that he is getting to be quite a cook. Think his pies the greatest. He is regular green with envy. He is the same genial "Big," and expects to visit Michigan not later than Christmas.
A NEW BULLETIN

Dr. Beal's new bulletin on Michigan seed weeds is now ready for distribution. A comparison of various seeds has been represented by drawings which were made by Fred Hillman, '88, (M. A. C.). Mr. Hillman is now connected with the Dept. of Agriculture, seed division. The bulletins are printed on good quality paper, thus showing up well the excellent cuts, of which there are 215. There will be 65,000 copies of this bulletin, thus giving a surplus to be called upon from time to time.

One feature of the work is a descriptive scale on the last page, which scale is used in practically all of the sciences. The index is very complete, and is to some extent a dictionary as well, giving a short explanation of the terms used. On the whole, the work will be of great value to every person planting seeds.

CHAPEL EXERCISES.

June 1—Dr. Blaisdell, "A Spanish Night." June 2—Dr. Blaisdell, "A Visit to the Alhambra." June 3—Dr. Hedrick, "German Art Galleries." June 6—Pres. Snyder, "Looking Ahead." June 7—Miss Gilchrist, "The Luther Country." Prof. Shaw is receiving a visit from his mother.

F. C. Dayharsh, '11, is to work the coming summer. Definite information will be given later.

Mr. S. B. Hartman, '03, at Athens, Mich.

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The band concert Wednesday evening proved one of the best yet, and was enjoyed by many visitors as well as college people.

Mrs. and Mrs. G. H. Gernand and Mrs. C. D. Palmer, of Pittsburg, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Blais­

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Miss Cimmer and her students were entertained at luncheon at the Women’s Building Thursday evening.

C. L. Nash, ’09, now at Lawton, will teach agriculture at Union City the coming year, this being one of the new schools to take up this work.

R. G. Voorhees and J. A. Miller, both ’10, have secured positions with the Montana State Board of Horticulture, and are to report at Missoula as soon as it is possible for them to reach there.

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Mr. Gunson’s talks on Scotland were interesting and were appreciated by the students. The boys have a system of government all their own, and, it is said, maintain perfect order. It is planned to send four or five of the boys to M. A. C. for the short courses next winter, with the thought that it would not only improve the quality of work now being done, but awaken a desire to know more of what is in the future for those who “dig.”
Since Jan. 1st there has been sold from our poultry department three thousand dozen eggs.

Mr. A. C. meets the strong Notre Dame team Thursday on the home grounds at four o’clock. They won from our team early in the season 3 to 1 and have not met defeat this year, having beaten all of the strong western teams. They will go from here to the U. of M. for games on Friday and Saturday, having won from that institution in the first game 4 to 0.

Do not forget the Debate Saturday evening. Come out and hear the discussion and help to cheer the boys on to victory. Ypsi is coming here prepared for a hard contest, and we do not expect to disappointed them upon this point. All honor to the team who have been working long and faithfully in preparation for this debate. Come out and prove by your presence and enthusiasm that these are your sentiments.

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